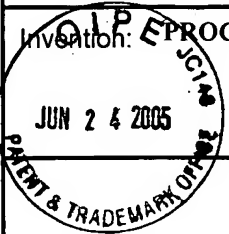
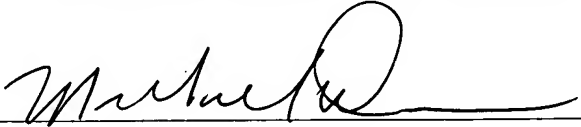
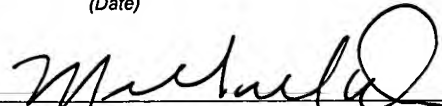


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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated March 22, 2005 regarding the above-identified patent application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.